

## **Indiana Department of Environmental Management** Office of Water Quality **Wetlands Section**

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**Closing Date:** March 11, 2016 **PUBLIC NOTICE** 

**IDEM ID Number:** 2016-072-45-MTM-A

Corps of Engineers ID Number:

To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

2. Agent:

1. Applicant:

City of Whiting

Whiting, IN 46349

1443 119<sup>th</sup> Street

3. Project location:

Lake Michigan Shoreline adjacent to Sections 5 & 6, Township 37 North, Range 9 West, Whiting USGS Quad.

Whihala Beach Boat Launch and Harbor, Whiting, Lake County.

4. Affected waterbody:

Lake Michigan

5. Project Description:

It is proposed to dredge by hydraulic or mechanically means approximately 10,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel material from the boat harbor and harbor inlet areas. The material will be stockpiled on the beach, dewatered, and spread for beach nourishment. The purpose of the dredging is to maintain a basin depth that

allows small fishing and recreation boats access to and from the launch site.

Comment period:

Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

**Public Hearing:** 

Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

**Questions?** 

Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Marty Maupin, Project Manager, by phone at 317-233-2471 or by e-mail at mmaupin@idem.in.gov. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

> Indiana Department of Environmental Management 100 North Senate Avenue MC65-42 WQS IGCN 1255 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251 FAX: 317/232-8406

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